like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh having larger CDR, sponsor a large number of IAS officers for appointment under the Government of India in comparison to smaller cadres which have comparatively lower CDR.

Vacant posts in Different Ministries

3010. SHRI LAKHIRAM AGGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of posts in different Groups are lying vacant since a long time in various Ministries;

(b) if so, the details thereof from March, 1999 to March, 2000, Group-wise, Ministry-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to fill-up these vacancies during the current year; and

(d) out of the above, what is the number of those posts which have been abolished or are in process of abolition which are lying vacant from more than one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The details of posts in different Groups that are lying vacant for the period from March 1999 to March 2000 is not available. However, according to the data published by the Pay Research Unit of the Ministry of Finance, the number of the posts that were lying vacant in Central Government offices as on 31-03-1998 was 3,45,686. The Group-wise and the Ministry-wise distribution of the posts lying vacant as on 31-3-98 is enclosed as Statement I and II (*See* below).

(c) Need based recuitment is being made by the concerned Ministries after taking into account the operational regurements and the Government instructions in this regard.

(d) This information is not maintained centrally.

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STATEMENT—I

Group-wise Distribution of Vacancies as on 31-03-1998

GROUP	Number of Vacant Posts
A	13345
B	11596
B (NG)	8767
C (NG)	211047
D (NG)	98530
Unclassified	2401
TOTAL :	345686

STATEMENT-II

Ministry-wise Distribution of Vacancies as on 31-03-1998

	MINISTRY/DEPARTMENT	Number of Vacant Posts
1.	Agriculture & Cooperation and Animal Husbandry & Dairying	1509
2.	Agri. Research and Education	3
3.	Atomic Energy	4049
4.	Bio-Technology	32
5.	Cabinet Secretariat	35
6.	Chemicals & Petrochemicals	32
7.	Civil Aviation	245
8.	Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs & Public Distribution	72
9.	Coal	59
10.	Commerce	505
11.	Company Affairs	351
12.	Culture	742

MINISTRY/DEPARTMENT	Number of Vacant Posts
13. Defence (Civilian)	77376
14. Economic Affairs	2405
15. Education	277
16. Election Commission	Nil
17. Electronics	132
18. Environment and Forests	774
19. Expenditure	274
20. External Affairs	674
21. Fertilizers	15
22. Food, Civil Supplies, Sugar & Edible Oils	163
23. Food Processing Industries	22
24. Health & Family Welfare	3113
25. Heavy Industry	Nil
26. Home Affairs (including Justice)	27337
27. Indian Audit & Accounts Department	10264
28. Industrial Policy & Promotion	350
29. Information & Broadcasting	6963
30. Labour	1322
31. Legal Affairs	525
32. Legislative Department	35
33. Mines	3169
34. Non-Conventional Energy Sources	73
35. Ocean Development	68
36. Parliamentary Affairs	—1
37. Personnel Public Grievances & Pensions	1114
38. Petroleum and Natural Gas	26
39. Planning Commission	1052

	MINISTRY/DEPARTMENT	Number of Vacant Posts
40.	Posts	17993
41.	Power	410
42.	President's Secretariat	37
43.	Prime Minister's Office	39
44.	Programme Implementation	20
45.	Public Enterprises	26
46.	Railways	113168
47.	Revenue	9245
48.	Rural Areas & Employment	96
49.	Science & Technology	3261
50.	Space	1306
51.	SSI, Agro & Rural Industries	1094
52.	Statistics	656
53.	Steel	33
54.	Supply	1079
55.	Surface Transport	676
56.	Telecommunications	40241
57.	Textiles	451
58.	Tourism	54
59.	U.P.S.C.	203
60.	Urban Affairs & Employment	8245
61.	Vice President's Secretariat	9
62.	Waste Land Development	5
63.	Water Resources	2072
64.	Welfare	29
65.	Women & Child Development	63
66.	Youth Affairs & Sports	21